

1 Attorney General to serve at the pleasure of the  
2 Governor, or should the Constitution provide for a Consti-  
3 tutionally elected Attorney General to serve at the pleasure  
4 of the people?

5 I suggest to you, fellow delegates, that the  
6 Constitution, this Constitution s hould provide for an  
7 independent, Constitutionally elected Attorney General, not  
8 a lawyer the Governor can call his alone; but a lawyer  
9 the people can call their own.

10 The overwhelming weight of opinion in other  
11 States favors the elected Attorney General. In support  
12 of this statement, I will read from page 2 of the Minority  
13 Report, lines 6 to 18:

14 "Forty of our sister States have a constitu-  
15 tionally elected attorney general, and two others have statu-  
16 tory provisions for his election. Two of these, New York  
17 and Michigan, recently had constitutional conventions which  
18 voted to retain the office as a constitutionally elected one,  
19 thereby affirming the fact that such status is not incom-  
20 patible with modern efficient State government.

21 In two of the States where the Attorney General is not